

Zoning Recodification Working Group (ZRWG)
December 6, 2016
Arlington Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room
8:00-9:00am

Attendees: Steve Revilak, Town Meeting Member; Charles Kalaskas, MPIC; Ralph Willmer, MPIC; Laura Wiener, Planning; Nancy Flynn-Barvick, at-large; Cathy Garnett, Conservation Commission; Michael Byrne, Inspectional Services; Jenny Raitt, Planning; David Watson, ARB, Christian Klein, ZBA, RKG: Judi Barrett, Eric Halvorsen, Bob Mitchell

The meeting was opened with introductions. RKG described their approach to the project, as described in their proposal. They expect there to be a total of 3 drafts. They would like the Town to pull together a meeting with all the relevant boards for a discussion about the current zoning, in the January/February timeframe. In addition they would like the staff and Committee to create a list of people to be interviewed by the consultants, who will spend a day or two in Arlington doing interviews. This will be discussed further at the next ZRWG. Cathy will discuss with Con Comm whether they will participate in All Boardsmeeting.

The consultants then asked the Committee to list problems and issues with our zoning bylaw.

- Christian—definitions and adding graphics
- Mike—signs, too many zones, how we measure building height, one set of rules that doesn't apply equally well to all lot sizes
- Jenny—EDR process and criteria
- David—Transportation demand management, parking, loading, bike parking
- Steve—pre-existing non-conforming lots and uses, needs index and cross references
- Laura—too many uses and too specific, too many types of business districts
- Ralph—separate sign issues
- Nancy—Floor area vs. open space within residential properties is confusing
- Charlie—should be posted on line with searchable links
- Cathy—hard to understand rules for accessory structures.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50. Next meeting is January 5, 2017, and then January 19, 2017.